

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALBERT E. TREXLER

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Albert E. Trexler of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants for his 42 years of service to that organization, including his 35 years as secretary, executive director, and CEO.

Under Albert's leadership, PICPA membership has grown by 184% and its membership base expanded to include future CPAs through accounting affiliate and student membership categories. He also provided more local networking and leadership opportunities as the PICPA grew from nine to eleven chapters.

Additionally, Albert has championed advocacy efforts to include a full-time presence in Harrisburg to support implementation of CPA law changes. Included in this effort was mandatory continuing professional education to bring the Commonwealth in compliance with substantial equivalency and permit interstate mobility for PICPA members.

Further, Albert Trexler has supported industry-specific conferences and robust professional education course offerings and delivery methods to respond to the growing demands for specialized knowledge, changing membership demographics, and technical advancements.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his years of service to PICPA and a litany of outstanding accomplishments, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Albert E. Trexler on the occasion of his retirement as executive director and CEO and also on the conference upon him with the lifetime designation of PICPA Executive Director Emeritus.

TRANSPARENCY IN REGULATORY ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS ON THE NATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2401) to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Chair, I am proud to serve as a Representative of California's Ninth Congressional District, which has long been at the forefront of the environmental movement, including working on the critical issue of climate change, as well as fighting for renewable energy, green jobs, and environmental justice.

That is why I am speaking today against the TRAIN Act—it undermines the Clean Air Act's ability to crack down on air pollution, threatening the quality of life for our children, our families and our communities, including my constituents in the East Bay, many of whom already suffer unjustly from poor air quality.

The Clean Air Act is one of the most successful public health programs in American history—with a return of more than \$30 in benefits for every dollar invested in pollution reductions over the life of this law.

The TRAIN Act is a direct attack on the Clean Air Act and its regulations. This bill blocks EPA's ability to move forward with two long overdue Clean Air Act rules—the Mercury and Air Toxics Standard and the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule—which will reduce harmful air pollution that threatens public health, especially the health of the most vulnerable populations, including children and seniors.

The Republicans' attack on the Clean Air Act and its work to dismantle the EPA will not only result in job loss but will result in poorer public health across this Nation.

Rather than the Republicans taking action to create jobs, this bill cuts funding to create green jobs.

We should move President Obama's American Jobs Act now to begin to give Americans what they want: a job.

I urge a no vote on this measure and urge the Republicans to stop playing political games and couching deregulation as job creation. Wall Street got deregulated and the result was a financial crisis. The American people do not need an environmental and public health crisis, the American people need jobs.

HONORING SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Schoolcraft College in my hometown of Livonia, Michigan as it celebrates 50 years of serving the residents of southeastern Michigan.

In October of 1961, voters approved the formation of Northwest Wayne Community College. On February 6, 1963 the college was renamed Schoolcraft College in honor of Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, an American geographer, geologist, and ethnologist, noted for his early studies of Native American cultures, as well as for his 1832 discovery of the source of the Mississippi River.

An essential part of our community, Schoolcraft College continues to provide outstanding and affordable educational opportunities to a district reaching into three counties, sixteen municipalities and six school districts. While best known for its Culinary Arts, Nursing and Public Safety programs, Schoolcraft serves students by providing general education and transfer credits at reasonable cost.

Having served as a member of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, I am impressed by the college's intelligent investment in expanding and upgrading the school's infrastructure. This has provided tremendous opportunities to educate and re-train the workforce in Southeast Michigan. In 2003, the ribbon cutting ceremony opened the VistaTech Center. A state of the art facility, it is home to Schoolcraft College's award winning culinary arts program and business development center. The Culinary Arts Department boasts four Certified Master Chefs and seven Executive Chefs. This gives Schoolcraft College a higher

Certified-Master-Chef-per-student ratio than any other culinary school in the country. The VistaTech Center also is home to the American Harvest Restaurant, a student operated restaurant, where students provide exceptional gourmet cuisine and service to the local public.

In 2008, Schoolcraft hosted the grand opening for the new Biomedical Technology Center, BTC. This cutting edge building is home to several science and technology-focused programs and its growing nursing program. This building supports the mission to train our youth in promising future careers in the high tech and biomedical fields. The Biomedical Technology Center hosts truly top-notch labs: Imaging and Analysis Lab, Anatomy and Physiology Lab, Biomedical Engineering Technology Lab, Cellular and Molecular Biology Lab.

From an initial enrollment of 2,425, attendance has now grown to more than 36,000 students each year, each of whom can choose from 70 academic majors. Schoolcraft's Continuing Education and Professional Development Courses reach an additional 16,000 annually through credential programs, professional development, personal enrichment, and courses designed to further personal interests.

Mr. Speaker, Schoolcraft College has served, trained, educated and advanced the interests of our region for 50 years. As a former Schoolcraft College trustee, I ask that we congratulate them on their devoted service as an exemplary and vibrant campus, finding innovative ways to inspire students of all ages to achieve more than they ever thought possible.

MOURNING THE PASSING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRY "BUS" YOURELL

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing, and to celebrate the life of Harry "Bus" Yourell. Mr. Yourell was a man who loved his family, his community, and his country, and had a general love of life.

Mr. Yourell's public service began on December 7, 1941, the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and the day he signed up for the Marine Corps. A proud Marine, he was awarded a Bronze Star for saving an injured friend and he earned three Purple Hearts for his own injuries. Having fought bravely at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima, Mr. Yourell exemplifies the "Greatest Generation."

Mr. Yourell continued his service in 1959 when he was elected Trustee in the Village of Oak Lawn. In 1966, he became a Representative in the Illinois House and went on to serve nine terms. He also served as Worth Township Democratic committeeman, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, and Commissioner for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. He retired in 2006 having won 40 elections without ever losing one. An Oak Lawn street and a Water Reclamation District aeration station bear his name, and he is remembered fondly by tens of thousands of residents of Oak Lawn, Worth Township, and Cook County.

Even as a senior citizen, Mr. Yourell still exhibited a youthful love for life. He bungee

jumped in New Zealand at age 85 and was known for his love of dancing, even at his 90th birthday party. Mr. Yourell is survived by his wife, Millie, three children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Please join me in mourning the loss of a model citizen and a loving family man, Harry "Bus" Yourell. His passion and commitment to his community and his country will continue to inspire us all for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF PORT BARRE ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the town of Port Barre in celebrating their 100th anniversary. Situated off of U.S. Highway 190 and a few miles away from Interstate 49, Port Barre is referred to as "The Birthplace of Bayou Teche."

Port Barre's history dates back to 1820 when Charles Barre purchased a large section of bayou land and used it for his business enterprises. Before the advent of railroads, steamboats provided transportation for travelers and many different types of goods. Port Barre provided its surrounding areas with a lifeline to these much needed resources. The business opportunities drew people to the area, and on June 7, 1911, Governor J. G. Sanders officially incorporated the town.

Port Barre not only brought goods and services into the area, but it has also historically been a trading region. Originally the area was used as a trading center for French colonists and Indians. The former trading post lands are still accessible to the community and visitors. Presently, the Bayou Teche RV Park allows locals and tourists to enjoy the landscape and learn the history of the site.

The town hosts a number of festivals that celebrate its Cajun heritage. The Lions Club Cracklin Festival and the Volunteer Fire Department's Pirogue and Canoe Races are two of the attractions that bring people to Port Barre to kick up their heels.

In addition to holding these unique cultural celebrations, Port Barre also boasts a successful economy. Backed by local businesses and farmers, the area still offers job opportunities and supports financial growth. I congratulate the citizens of Port Barre and am proud to be their representative in Congress.

HONORING MARGARET GRIFFIN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Margaret Griffin, wife of the late former Mayor of the City of Buffalo, James D. Griffin.

Mrs. Griffin was born in the early 1930s and grew up in a large Irish family in the South Buffalo neighborhood of the Old First Ward.

Margaret married James Griffin in 1968 and the couple had three children together: Maureen, Megan and Thomas.

Margaret served as Buffalo's first lady for 16 years from 1978–1994, and was considered the mayor's most trusted ally.

Margaret preferred to stay out of the public spotlight and let her husband make the headlines during his time in office, but she always remained influential in her husband's decision making as they worked together to enhance the lives of the citizens of Buffalo, NY.

While her husband led the City through tumultuous years, Margaret was described by her children as "the backbone" of their family as she set as example of strength and poise to her children as they grew up in the political spotlight.

Margaret's children recall how she and her husband made a great couple, loved each other very much, and loved to laugh and reminisce with friends.

Later in her life, Margaret became "Nana Margie" and displayed the same love for her grandchildren as she did for the rest of her family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in remembering Margaret Griffin, a truly remarkable wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and servant of the City of Buffalo and its citizens.

I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Margaret Griffin, to her children Maureen and John Tomczak, Megan and Thomas and Colleen Griffin, to her grandchildren and surviving family and friends. Mrs. Griffin earned the respect of many and although words cannot truly express the kind and fun-loving woman that Margie was, it is my hope that the memories and stories of Mrs. Griffin can serve as a lasting tribute to her life and service to so many families throughout our great city, Buffalo, New York.

HONORING SERVICE AT MINNETONKA HOMECOMING

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, each fall, high schools across America hold homecoming parades to bring their community together and welcome back alumni. For Minnetonka High School this annual parade also gives the community an opportunity to honor its local veterans. Each year a veteran is selected to carry the American flag while riding at the front of the Minnetonka Homecoming Parade.

This year, Lyle Bennis, a long time resident of Deephaven, Minnesota, and a World War II Navy veteran is carrying the Stars and Stripes at the head of the ceremony in Excelsior.

Mr. Bennis was a Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class on the USS *Card* and USS *McCook* while serving in the European theater during WWII. Mr. Bennis's destroyer group recorded the most kills of German U-boat submarines in the Atlantic.

After victory in Europe was cemented, he was transferred to the Pacific and served in the Philippines, and finally in U.S. occupied Japan.

Lyle Bennis's service to our nation should never be forgotten. I thank him, and congratulate him for leading Minnetonka's homecoming parade.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, there is no question that childhood obesity is among the most serious health problems affecting our nation's children. Indeed, approximately 17 percent of children and adolescents age 2–19 years in the United States are obese. The problem is only growing in magnitude, as over the past two decades, the prevalence of children who are obese has doubled, while the number of adolescents who are obese has tripled.

As co-chair of the Congressional Task Force on Childhood Obesity and in recognition of September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, it is imperative that we begin to identify and promote solutions to the childhood obesity epidemic. One of the key places to look towards is the work of our children's hospitals.

Children's hospitals across the country are working to provide unique solutions for both treating and preventing childhood obesity. In my home district, in Columbus, Ohio, Nationwide Children's Hospital has created programs which approach the obesity epidemic from multiple angles, partnering with other organizations like the YMCA and Ohio Healthy Weight Outcomes Coalition to help foster a multi-lateral approach to addressing the epidemic.

One of these programs, the F.A.N., Fitness and Nutrition, Club was established in 2008 as part of Nationwide Children's Hospital's pediatric obesity initiative to help 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in neighborhoods around the hospital experience fun activities to keep them fit and healthy through physical activity and education.

This month we applaud programs like F.A.N. Club and our children's hospitals, which in partnership with our local communities help ensure that children across the nation receive the tools and education necessary to prevent childhood obesity.

JOHN B. HASEMAN TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel John B. Haseman of the United States Army. I received a letter from the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency informing me that Col. Haseman is to be a 2011 inductee into the Defense Attaché System, DAS, Hall of Fame. As a member of the U.S. Country Team, Mr. Haseman served as a military adviser to the ambassador and represented the Defense Department leadership to the ambassador's host nation.

Established in 1988, the Attaché Hall of Fame serves to honor DAS personnel who have long served our nation with the prowess and distinction befitting a member of the U.S. Military. Col. Haseman served the United